

March 4, 2008

Recreational Fishing Advisory Board Attn: Sonya Davis Virginia Marine Resources Commission 2600 Washington Avenue, Third Floor Newport News, VA 23607

RE: City of Hampton

Buckroe Fishing Pier Project Grant Application Amendment

Dear Sirs:

In the event that the Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board has additional funding available beyond the amount requested for other projects it deems worthwhile, the City of Hampton would like to amend its application for funding from the Board, increasing the request from \$500,000 to \$750,000 for the Buckroe Fishing Pier, for the following reasons:

- The City recently completed the acquisition of the final parcel needed for the pier project and the cost of that property was approximately \$50,000 more than the original estimate.
- There has been increasing concern about environmental safeguards for the pier site work because of its proximity to the beach, and the City would like to add more features to the proposed pier parking lot, such as porous pavers, to address water quality impacts from automobile fluids and other pollutants, at an estimated cost of approximately \$100,000 over the original estimate. Part of this additional funding for site work would provide for a denser vegetative buffer between the pier parking lot and the adjacent Chesapeake Landing residential neighborhood.
- In reviewing the program for the public facilities on the pier including restrooms, bait shop and snack bar, the estimated cost has increased above the City's original estimate by approximately \$100,000.
- Total additional estimated costs: \$250,000.

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Also, as you are probably aware, the VMRC recently approved the Buckroe Pier Project for permitting at its February 26th meeting. And, as a result, the City's piling contractor for the pier, PreCon Marine will be mobilizing this month to begin the concrete piling installation. This will be followed by the second phase of the project which is the installation of the wood decking and railing, later this spring. Other phases will follow in accordance with the schedule that was provided with the original funding application.

Attached are an amended Summary Project Application Form and a detailed project budget reflecting the additional \$250,000 request. Thank you for your consideration of funding for this project.

Sincerely,

Jesse T. Wallace, Jr.

City Manager

cc: Members of Hampton City Council

Fred Whitley Jim Wilson

VIRGINIA RECREATIONAL FISHING DEVELOPMENT FUND SUMMARY PROJECT APPLICATION*

NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

City of Hampton
Engineering Services
22 Lincoln Street
Hampton, VA 23669

PRIORITY AREA OF CONCERN:
General public access to recreational saltwater fishing pier

PROJECT LEADER (name, phone, e-mail):

Fred Whitley, P.E., City Engineer
757-727-6209
fwhitley@hampton.gov

PROJECT LOCATION:

Buckroe Park/Buckroe Beach
Hampton, VA

DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF PROJECT:

Buckroe Beach Saltwater Fishing Pier

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Due to Hurricane Isabel, all fishing piers in Hampton were destroyed. The City of Hampton is preparing to replace the pier at Buckroe Beach at a total estimated cost of \$2.8 million, for recreational saltwater fishing. Amenities for anglers include 24-hour access, covered fishing areas, handicap fishing stations, and educational components. The City is seeking \$500,000 of grant funds to provide site improvements (parking lot, lights, landscaping) and support facilities (restrooms, bait shops, snack bar) for the pier.

EXPECTED BENEFITS:

Expected benefits include restoring access to saltwater angling for residents and tourists and providing new programs to create awareness and education about the fish and other marine life in the area waters.

COSTS: Amended Application

VMRC Funding: Recipient Funding: Total Costs:

Original Request	Amended Request
\$ 500,000	\$ 750,000
\$2,300,000	\$2,300,000
\$2,800,000	\$3,050,000

Detailed budget must be included with proposal.

Updated 6/1/05

City of Hampton Application

Project Budget

Original Request	Amended Request
175,000	Same
1,400,000	Same
675,000	Same
50,000	Same
250,000	350,000
250,000	350,000
0	50,000
2,800,000	3,050,000
2,300,000	2,300,000
500,000	750,000
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Notes: Budget does not include \$1.3 million that the City has already appropriated for property acquisition.